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The Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
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Re: *Metcalf v. Zoullas et al*, 1:11-cv-03996-AKH

Dear Judge Hellerstein :

We submit this letter jointly with Bruce F. Paulsen of Seward & Kissel LLP on behalf of Nominal Defendant Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. and Defendants Sophocles N. Zoullas, Alexis P. Zoullas, Douglas P. Haensel, Jon Tomasson, Joseph M. Cianciolo, David B. Hiley, Thomas B. Winnmill, Forrest E. Wylie, and Alan S. Ginsberg (collectively, "Defendants") in the above-referenced matter to request a one-week extension of time for Defendants to file answers to the complaint. Per the Court's November 22, 2011 summary order, Defendants' responsive pleadings are to be filed by January 6, 2012. We respectfully request an extension until January 13, 2012. Counsel for the plaintiffs have consented to this request. This is Defendants' first request for an extension of time in which to file responsive pleadings.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Bongiorno

cc: All counsel of record (by email)

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